U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of FANNIE L. HOLDEN <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, SEPULVEDA VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, Calif.

Docket No. 96-2268; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 7, 1998

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DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has established that she sustained an emotional condition in the performance of her federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on April 9, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 9, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 7, 1998

George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member